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Whereas, Donald D. Peek, Jr., served in the United States Army from June 4, 1970, until May 30, 1973, and graduated from Nike Hercules missile 24U20 Air Defense Training School at Fort Bliss, Texas;

Whereas, After returning from military service, Donald D. Peek, Jr., went to work at Detroit Diesel Allison Division of General Motors, now known as Allison Transmission, Inc., where he is an instructor for health and safety classes;

Whereas, In 1983, Donald D. Peek, Jr., started his career — which grew into a passion — helping veterans and their families, a pursuit in which he is still actively involved today;

Whereas, In 1987, Donald D. Peek, Jr., was first elected commander of John H. Weiss Chapter 52 of the Disabled American Veterans in Indianapolis, where he served three years, and, on June 19, 1989, Chapter 52 gave its first new van to the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Administration Medical Center to transport patients to the medical center in Indianapolis;

Whereas, On June 14, 1989, 6th District Congressman Dan Burton said he "commended Commander Donald D. Peek, Jr., for his leadership" and, on June 26, 1989, a Certificate of Commendation was presented to Commander Donald D. Peek, Jr., for leadership in recognition of his donation of the van and of his support for a smoke-free environment for the



6 South Dayroom;

Whereas, Medical Center Director Terrence L. Johnson praised Donald D. Peek, Jr., for accomplishing many outstanding projects;

Whereas, Commander Donald D. Peek, Jr., has served in numerous capacities and on many committees for the Disabled American Veterans, including 6th District Commander, Chief of Protocol, 4th Junior Vice Commander, Co-Chairman of the State Convention, and Chairman of the Employment Relations, Rehabilitation and Vocational Committee; he has also served on the Bulletin Committee and the National Interim Legislation Committee working on national legislation for veterans and their families, has served 19 years as the State Legislation Chairman, and has attended the National Convention;

Whereas, Donald D. Peek, Jr., has served as commander of Franklin American Legion Post 205 for three terms and is still a member of the post; he was presented with a Certificate of Recognition for Dedicated Service to the community and state of Indiana from Senator Richard G. Lugar;

Whereas, Donald D. Peek, Jr., was chairman of Veterans Committee Local 933, United Auto Workers Allison Transmission, from 1988 to 1998 and was chairman of Veterans Committee Region #3 U.A.W. for Indiana and Kentucky, appointed from 1990 to 1992, elected from 1992 to 1995, and re-elected 1995 to 1998;

Whereas, While Donald D. Peek, Jr., was chairman, he traveled in Indiana and Kentucky listening to and seeing first-hand the problems of veterans and their families;

Whereas, Donald D. Peek, Jr., was awarded the Kentucky Colonel Award on May 31, 1991, by Kentucky Governor Wallace G. Wilkinson and was also awarded the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Certificate of Appreciation for faithful and untiring efforts on behalf of Kentucky's veterans and citizens on March 22, 1996;



Whereas, Donald D. Peek, Jr., served as commissioner of the Indiana Department of Veterans Affairs from 1989 through 1997;

Whereas, During his tenure, ground was broken on the Madison Veterans Cemetery, the Korean and Vietnam War Memorials in Indianapolis were dedicated, and many House and Senate resolutions and laws were drafted with his help;

Whereas, In recognition of his many accomplishments, Commander Donald D. Peek, Jr., was made an "Honorary Legislator" by Representative Woody Burton and was presented a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Joseph E. Kernan; and

Whereas, Commander Donald D. Peek, Jr., has received many accolades for his work in veterans affairs, such as a Certificate of Commendation in Recognition of Service to Hospitalized Veterans at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Administration Medical Center, a Certificate of Appreciation for unselfish commitment to Indiana veterans for donating a third van to the Indianapolis Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Paul Wappenstein Award presented by the Indiana Veterans Civic Council, and a Certificate of Honor in recognition of personal commitment in serving hospitalized Indiana veterans: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly thanks Donald D.
- 2 Peek, Jr., for his many contributions to the veterans of Indiana.
- 3 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
- 4 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Donald D. Peek,
- 5 Jr.

